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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An optical pickup device comprising:
  - a source of light;
  - a lens arranged on an optical path extending from said source of light to a magneto-optical recording medium;
  - a beam splitter arranged on an optical path extending from said source of light to said lens, to separate a portion of light reflected by said magneto-optical recording medium;
  - a photodetector detecting said reflected light separated by said beam splitter; and
  - a first diffraction element for servo signal generation arranged on an optical path extending from said beam splitter to said photodetector, wherein:
    - said beam splitter includes a first member made of isotropic optical material, reflecting light received from said source of light and directing the light to arrive at said magneto-optical recording medium, and passing a reflection of light received from said magneto-optical recording medium, and a second member adjacent to said first member, made of anisotropic optical material and further passing light reflected from said magneto-optical recording medium past-through said first member;
    - said first diffraction element receives said light reflected from said magneto-optical recording medium pastpassing through said first member and said second member;
    - said first member is a prism having a parallelogramic cross section and having first parallel planes opposite each other and second parallel planes opposite each other and each traversing said first parallel planes at a